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The House met at 10 a.m.

Rev. Danny Davis, Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Danville, Virginia, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, You have shown us what is good, and that is "to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God."

Help us, Your servants, to do exactly that, to be instruments of both justice and mercy, exercising those virtues in humility. Your word requires it. Our Nation needs it.

Forgive us when we have failed to do that. For therein not only have we failed ourselves, we have failed You as well.

Today, fresh and anew, we ask that those twin rivers of justice and mercy might roll down from on high. Let them saturate this Chamber, permeating every mind, flooding every heart, cleansing every motive, and springing forth in every action. And then let them flow forth from this place, nourishing our land, refreshing its citizens, and bringing glory to the God who placed in us such a sacred trust.

In Jesus' name, amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from California (Ms. RICHARDSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. RICHARDSON led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REV. DANNY DAVIS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. DRAKE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. DRAKE. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

I am proud to recognize and welcome Dr. Danny Davis, the senior pastor at Mount Hermon Baptist Church in Danville, Virginia. He is accompanied today by his wife of 30 years, Sandy.

Dr. Davis was born in Tennessee and grew up in Williamsburg, Kentucky. Having served in the ministry since 1985, he has pastored churches in Kentucky, North Carolina, Florida and Virginia. Not only does Dr. Davis have a heart for service in his local community but also for ministry through missions at home and abroad. He has been involved in multiple mission trips to Tanzania, Russia, Honduras, the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in Montana, the United Kingdom, Greece and even Communist Cuba.

Dr. Davis' only son, Jordan, has served as a member of my staff for the past 3 years. Jordan's hard work and dedication have helped me to better serve my constituents. I know I have Dr. Davis to thank for having instilled in his son the same values he displays in his ministry as well as the importance of service to others and his country.

I want to thank Dr. Davis for being here today and offering today's prayer and I wish him continued success in his ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REPUBLICANS TO BLAME FOR ENERGY CRISIS

(Ms. RICHARDSON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. RICHARDSON. Madam Speaker, 3 years ago, Republicans passed an energy plan that they said would lower prices at the pump, drive economic growth and job creation and promote energy independence. I ask you, America, did it work? The answer is no.

Now we look 3 years later and the price of gas has gone up 59 percent, the economy is tanking and we've lost 600,000 jobs this year alone. The Republicans are saying they know how to solve the problem. Well, they had control of Washington for 6 years and the results are clear—the mission is not accomplished and everyone is feeling the effect of their failure today.

Democrats have been working hard to reverse the Republican failed policies of the past. Yesterday we passed a comprehensive energy package that will lower prices at the pump, expand domestic drilling off the Outer Continental Shelf, expand renewable energy sources, end subsidies for Big Oil and create good-paying jobs for Americans here.

I would like to know why Republicans did not solve the energy crisis. Yesterday Democrats continued a new direction and took action to solve the energy crisis.

WELCOMING REV. DANNY DAVIS

(Mr. GOODE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOODE. Mr. Speaker, I too want to say welcome to Dr. Danny Davis for delivering the opening prayer this morning. His son works in the office of Congresswoman THELMA DRAKE. But his church, Mount Hermon Baptist

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